Mr. I. N. Menon.—There is all the difference between what the rules are and what actually exists. These hostels are all open to everybody. But everybody does not go there?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is it a fact that the Municipality has asked for tax for the canteen that is run there?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I have no information.

The Cosmopolitan hostel attached to the Maharaja's College.

161. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when the buildings for running a non-vegetarian kitchen in the cosmopolitan hostel were got ready and at what cost;

(b) is any kitchen run now and what is the strength of it if one is run;

(c) what is the extent of accommodation in the cosmopolitan hostel?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) In October 1931. Cost about Rs. 1,000.

(b) As no student offered to join the cosmopolitan hostel, it had to be converted into a canteen.

(c) Accommodation required for about 74 boarders.

Collection of fees in the Ottupara market.

162. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is run at Ottupara near Vadakkancheri an arecanut market by one Muhamed on all Wednesdays;

(b) what are the terms on which he is allowed to run this market;

(c) is the Government aware that he is collecting for head-loads, cart-loads, etc., higher fees than what he is allowed to collect under the rules;

(d) if so, what has the Government done in the matter hitherto?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) There is a general market in Ottupara owned by one Mr. Muhamed, in which arecanut business is also going on.

(b) The terms are in conformity with the sections of the Municipal Regulation relating to markets.

(c) No.

(d) No answer is called for in view of the answer (c) above.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—(b) It is said "the terms are in conformity with the sections of the Municipal

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Regulation relating to markets." May I know what they exactly are?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The terms are mentioned in the Municipal Regulation.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Can I know it here?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is not possible.

The number of hands in the Language staff in the Maharaja's College.

163. **Mr. Joseph Pettah**—.Will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points:—

(a) the number of hands sanctioned for the Language staff in the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam; their respective grades and scales of pay;

(b) the number of hands actually employed at present on the above staff; their respective grades and scales of pay?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Four.

One Professor	Rs.	250—400.
One Assistant Professor	,,	125—200.
Two Pandits	,,	80—125.

(b) All the above four in the respective grades.

Children of school-going age in the State.

164. **Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. what period of a child's age the Government has regarded as school-going age;

2. what is the number of children of school-going age in Cochin; and

3. of the number of children in 2 above, what is the actual number that was attending schools in 1106?

Mr. I. N. Menon—1. 6 to 12 years.

2. 1,78,516.

3. Statistics have not been taken.

Children attending Schools.

165. **Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Will the Government be pleased to lay a statement on the table showing.—

1. the number of pupils (boys and girls separately) attending the Primary, Lower Secondary and Upper Secondary schools in the State in 1106;

2. the percentage worked out taking all the children mentioned in (1) as children of school-going age in comparison with the total number of children of school-going age as per the last census?

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